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Roxbury, March 3, 1879.

My dear Harry:

Among the numerous approvals I have received of my recent letter in the New York Tribune, in reply to Senator Blaine on the Chinese question, no one has given me more pleasure than yours, just received. It has been noticed very widely in the newspapers, and I have yet to see the first adverse criticism upon it. This speaks well for the prevailing sentiment at the North on the subject. In his presidential aspirations, Mr. Blaine's "vaulting ambition" has certainly "overleaped itself," and landed him in the dust, face downward. Though not at any time strongly drawn to him, and always more or less apprehensive as to how he might turn out in

the end, still I could not believe that, having espoused the cause of the Southern freedmen to the full extent of American citizenship, he would be so grossly inconsistent as to look down with avowed contempt upon the Chinese, and argue for their exclusion from this continent. You knew him better than I did; but I think he has so revealed himself that, hereafter, none who have any discernment left will be left in the dark as to his true character. He is another "lost leader."

There was not one allegation or statement in his speech in the Senate, or in his reply to me in the Tribune, that was not either untrue, or grossly exaggerated, or palpably sophistical. Not wishing to be considered as taxing too large a space in the Tribune in my rejoinder, I made no attempt to refute a number of his points, but contented myself with defending those fundamental

principles which as a nation we profess to be guided by, and which include all mankind in the matter of fair dealing, justice, and equal rights. His sweeping charge against the Chinese immigrants, as being too loathsome in their personal habits to admit of the ordinary intercourse with society, is well answered in your letter; as is also his talk about the lewdness of the Chinese women by Mr. Godkin, in the last number of the Nation.

The veto of President Hayes has, for the present at least, saved our national credit and blocked the wheels of the anti-Chinese conspirators; but it is a spiritless paper, and was evidently written by Everts.

I do not think I shall venture to attend the cable commemoration at Mr. Fields, though I appreciate the compliment paid me by his invitation, and by what he said to you in regard to my attendance.

Fanny's last photograph shows a very presentable young lady, but I should not readily recognize it. She does not look as if she were the mother of three children, but rather as one waiting to be wedded.

I am very glad to hear of the assumed success of the new fuel discovery, and trust the material needed will yet be found in abundance.

There is a rumor in the air that you think of coming to Boston in all this week. I hope it is true.

Loving regards to Fanny and the children.

Affectionately yours,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.